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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kate E. NORDLAND et al.

Confirmation No. 5307

Application No.: 10/613,827

Group Art Unit: 3727

Filing Date: July 3, 2003

Examiner: Ngo, L.

For: CONTAINER WITH OPTIONAL VENTING

Atty. Docket No.:

new: 86012-36400USPT

old: 47097-01251USPT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement dated July 9, 2004, the shortened statutory period ending August 9, 2004, Applicants reply as follows.

In the restriction requirement mailed July 9, 2004, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-32, drawn to a container, classified in class 220, subclass 367.1.

Group II: Claims 33-43, drawn to a method of forming a container, classified in class 428, subclass 318.4.

Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, claims 1-32 of Group I, drawn to a container, for prosecution at this time.

Please note that a new power of attorney has been submitted herewith. Accordingly, a new docket number, 86012-36400USPT replaces the old docket number, 47097-01251USPT, and new counsel is empowered to file this communication.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Please charge any required fees relating to the filing of this amendment to Winston & Strawn LLP deposit account no. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

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